

31 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 January 1967

DD/I called attention to the article by Chalmers Roberts in this morning's Washington Post and said that he feels Hanoi is signaling some degree of flexibility for whatever reason on preconditions for talks. The Director initiated a discussion on the CIB coverage of this in comparison with that of the PDB.

DD/I tabled a copy of the newest study for Secretary McNamara evaluating the bombing of North Vietnam. He said that the general conclusions are similar to those of the previous study. The Director said that he and the Deputy Director will review it today with the expectation of giving it to Secretary McNamara at lunch tomorrow.

Lehman for Godfrey reported no significant information on China beyond this morning's CIB. The Director initiated a discussion on internal events in China. Goodwin reported that he will have a copy of last night's CBS show on China sometime today. The Director asked that this program be scheduled for the auditorium.

Lehman noted that Mobutu is moving to prevent the departure of Union Minere employees. The Director told Abbot Smith that it is a good thing the ONE memorandum on the Congo had been distributed.

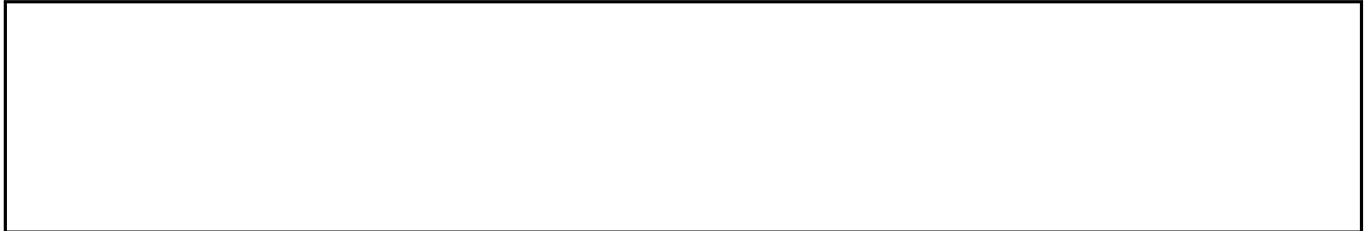
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A-DD/S&T reported that the State Department had asked him to comment on a reference by Senator Gore to ABM's in the USSR.

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DDCI noted possible discrepancies between the CIB, the Washington Post, and the New York Times on the results of the Japanese parliamentary elections. DD/I said that he will report back to the DDCI on this today.

DDCI reported that Secretary Vance has formally requested from the JCS a reassessment of the North Vietnam air defense system. Rear Admiral Bardshar, vice chairman of the study group, had called the DDCI to ask for Agency contributions and, if desirable, participation. (See Action 2)

The Director noted that he spoke to the DD/I last night concerning White House sensitivity on the subject of civilian casualty figures in Vietnam. He had asked the DD/I to police this problem, and he cautioned the group to avoid this subject.

The Director noted that C/SB is getting together a statement for him on the consular treaty.

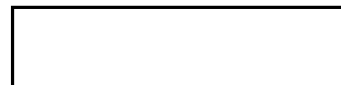
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2. The DD/I in concert with the A-DD/S&T will examine the terms of reference for the DOD study on the North Vietnam air defense system and come up with recommendations on contributions and participation. (3 February)

3. The Director asked the DD/I to review the transcript of George Kennan's testimony yesterday. (DD/I by 2 February)



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